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RE: Application Serial No.: 08/893,759

Applicants: Kazunori SAITO, et al.

Filing Date: July 11, 1997

For: STEP AGGLUTINATION IMMUNOASSAY

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: C. L. CHIN

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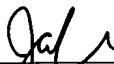
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

EXTENSION OF TIME (one-month) & APPEAL BRIEF

Our check in the amount of \$440.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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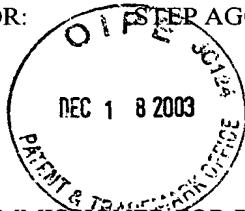
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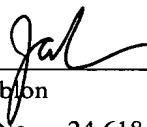
It is hereby requested that a **one month extension of time be granted to January 1, 2004** for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on: **October 1, 2003**
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of **\$110.00** is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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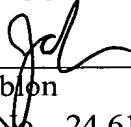
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